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In re application of :
Martin SOMMER et al. : Examiner: CHEVALIER, Alicia Ann
Serial No.: 09/780,618 : Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: February 12, 2001
For: MOLDED ELEMENT THAT CONSISTS OF BRITTLE-FRACTURE MATERIAL

REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.